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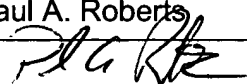
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| <b>UTILITY<br/>PATENT APPLICATION<br/>TRANSMITTAL</b><br><br>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b)) |  | Attorney Docket No.    | RIC 98 014 P1                                 |
|  |  | First Inventor         | William Christopher Hardy                     |
|  |  | Title                  | Method and System for Evaluating the Quality. |
|  |  | Express Mail Label No. | EL487056240US                                 |

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| <b>APPLICATION ELEMENTS</b><br>See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.  | <b>ADDRESS TO:</b> Assistant Commissioner for Patents<br>Box Patent Application<br>Washington, DC 20231  |
| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)<br>(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)<br>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status.<br>See 37 CFR 1.27.<br>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specification [Total Pages 38]<br>(preferred arrangement set forth below)<br>- Descriptive title of the invention<br>- Cross Reference to Related Applications<br>- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D<br>- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix<br>- Background of the invention<br>- Brief Summary of the Invention<br>- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)<br>- Detailed Description<br>- Claim(s)<br>- Abstract of the Disclosure<br>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 9]<br>5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 2]<br>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newly executed (original or copy)<br>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))<br>(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)<br>i. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)</b><br>Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).<br>6. <input type="checkbox"/> Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76 | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)<br>8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)<br>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Readable Form (CRF)<br>b. Specification Sequence Listing on:<br>i. <input type="checkbox"/> CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or<br>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> paper<br>c. <input type="checkbox"/> Statements verifying identity of above copies |
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☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☒ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: 09 220,733  
 Prior application information: Examiner N/A Group / Art Unit: N/A

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| <b>REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION<br/>UNDER<br/>35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)</b> | First Named Inventor | William Christorpher Hardy                          |
|  | Title                | Method and System for Evaluating the Quality of ... |
|  | Atty Docket Number   | RIC 98 014 P1                                       |

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

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Date

  
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Paul A. Roberts

Reg.# 40,289

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| Application Number   | Not assigned              |
| Filing Date          | February 7, 2001          |
| First Named Inventor | William Christopher Hardy |
| Examiner Name        | Not assigned              |
| Group Art Unit       | Not assigned              |
| Attorney Docket No.  | RIC 98 014 P1             |

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| 106               | 320                   | 206               | 160                   | Design filing fee      |          |
| 107               | 490                   | 207               | 245                   | Plant filing fee       |          |
| 108               | 710                   | 208               | 355                   | Reissue filing fee     |          |
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|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 103               | 18                    | 203               | 9                     | Claims in excess of 20                                     |
| 102               | 80                    | 202               | 40                    | Independent claims in excess of 3                          |
| 104               | 270                   | 204               | 135                   | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                      |
| 109               | 80                    | 209               | 40                    | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent         |
| 110               | 18                    | 210               | 9                     | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

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| 127               | 50                    | 227               | 25                    | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet                     |          |
| 139               | 130                   | 139               | 130                   | Non-English specification  |          |
| 147               | 2,520                 | 147               | 2,520                 | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination                     |          |
| 112               | 920*                  | 112               | 920*                  | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                     |          |
| 113               | 1,840*                | 113               | 1,840*                | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action                        |          |
| 115               | 110                   | 215               | 55                    | Extension for reply within first month                                     |          |
| 116               | 390                   | 216               | 195                   | Extension for reply within second month                                    |          |
| 117               | 890                   | 217               | 445                   | Extension for reply within third month                                     |          |
| 118               | 1,390                 | 218               | 695                   | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    |          |
| 128               | 1,890                 | 228               | 945                   | Extension for reply within fifth month                                     |          |
| 119               | 310                   | 219               | 155                   | Notice of Appeal   |          |
| 120               | 310                   | 220               | 155                   | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |          |
| 121               | 270                   | 221               | 135                   | Request for oral hearing   |          |
| 138               | 1,510                 | 138               | 1,510                 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                              |          |
| 140               | 110                   | 240               | 55                    | Petition to revive - unavoidable   |          |
| 141               | 1,240                 | 241               | 620                   | Petition to revive - unintentional   |          |
| 142               | 1,240                 | 242               | 620                   | Utility issue fee (or reissue)   |          |
| 143               | 440                   | 243               | 220                   | Design issue fee   |          |
| 144               | 600                   | 244               | 300                   | Plant issue fee  |          |
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| 123               | 50                    | 123               | 50                    | Petitions related to provisional applications                              |          |
| 126               | 240                   | 126               | 240                   | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt                                  |          |
| 581               | 40                    | 581               | 40                    | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | 40.00    |
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| 179               | 710                   | 279               | 355                   | Request for Continued Examination (RCE)                                    |          |
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